



In 1976, former Mayor Helen Boosalis cut a newspaper chain to open one of the City's first recycling sites at 56th Street and Normal Boulevard.

photo courtesy of the Lincoln Journal Star

**IT ALL
COMES BACK
TO YOU!!**

YOUR GUIDE TO RECYCLING

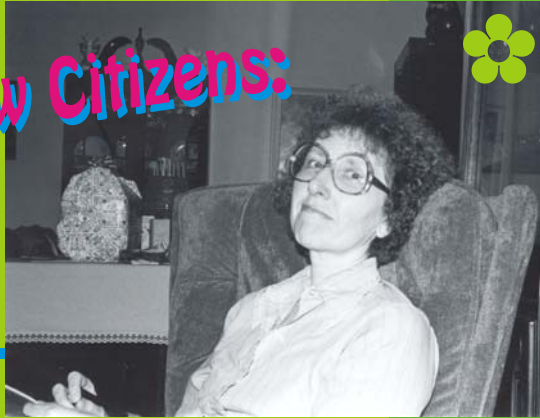
**CITY OF LINCOLN and
LANCASTER COUNTY
NOVEMBER 2005**

In October 2005, Mayor Coleen Seng and students from Fredstrom Elementary cut a newspaper chain to open the City's 23rd recycling site at 5435 N.W. 1st Street to serve neighborhoods in the northwest part of Lincoln.



Dear Fellow Citizens:

Mayor Seng
in the 1970s



Do you remember what young people were wearing in the 1970s? Now the bell-bottom jeans, platform shoes and ponchos that generation "discovered" are popular once again. The Brady Bunch and the Partridge Family are all grown up, but it does seem that things from the past have a way of coming back as "new" trends and ideas!

The idea of making the old new again is one way to describe recycling, a movement that was just gaining steam in the 1970s. Recycling fashion is fun, but recycling newspapers, aluminum and glass has a very serious purpose - protecting our natural resources so the next generation of fashion-conscious kids can enjoy clean air, water and land.

"It All Comes Back to You!" is the theme for the 2005 America Recycles Day, Tuesday, November 15. It's a day to remember that the actions we take every day will have an environmental impact on our children and grandchildren.

Every time you toss a can, bottle or newspaper into the trash, you accomplish two things: you help fill up a landfill that will be costly to replace and you waste resources that could be reused. Every time you toss an item in a recycling bin, you accomplish far more. You save landfill space, you conserve resources to produce new materials, and you take a stand for the environment.

I urge you to keep this guide handy. It gives you the information you need to practice the three "R's" - reduce, reuse and recycle. Find a recycling routine that fits your family's lifestyle. If you currently recycle newspapers and aluminum, add glass, cardboard and junk mail. Encourage your co-workers and neighbors to recycle. If you're a young person, get your family to recycle. If you're a parent, set a recycling example. And if you don't recycle at all, what are you waiting for? We need you to "do the right thing...recycle," because "it all comes back to you!"

Coleen J. Seng

Sincerely,
Coleen J. Seng
Mayor of Lincoln

CONTACTS:

City of Lincoln-Lancaster County
Web site: lincoln.ne.gov

City Public Works and
Utilities Department:
Recycling Hotline - 441-8215
Solid Waste Operations - 441-8102

Lincoln-Lancaster County
Health Department :
Hazardous waste
assistance for households and
businesses - 441-8021
Keep Lincoln and Lancaster
County Beautiful - 441-8035

University of Nebraska Cooperative
Extension in Lancaster County:

Web site: lancaster.unl.edu
Phone: 441-7180

WasteCap of Lincoln:
Web site: wastecapne.org
Phone: 436-2383

*Our "recycling dude" is Derek Outson,
a local actor who attends Lincoln East,
where he is a member of the Ecology Club.
Thanks to the Lincoln Community Playhouse
for help with Derek's fab outfit!*

"BLAST FROM THE PAST"

As an agricultural state, Nebraska has a long history of recycling. The first farmers and ranchers in our state had never heard the word "recycling," but they knew all about the importance of reducing waste and reusing materials.

In the 1940s, the Omaha World Herald began a statewide campaign to promote the collection of scrap metal for the war effort - a project that earned them the 1943 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service. The Nebraska program was adopted by newspapers across the nation, resulting in a united effort that succeeded in supplying our war industries with necessary scrap material.

After the war, the economy was booming, and interest in recycling waned. Then came the first celebration of Earth Day in 1970, an event that increased awareness and activism on environmental issues. The next few years saw a flurry of environmental legislation, including formation of the Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act.

In Lincoln, this new environmental awareness prompted a group of local students and residents to form a group called Citizens for Environmental Improvement (CEI). This group opened the City's first recycling drop-off site at 48th and Normal Boulevard. Over the years, CEI operated a number of collection sites throughout the City. At first, the sites were only open on Saturdays, but they did expand to a daily collection.

In the mid-1980s, landfills became an issue when a garbage barge from New York was looking for a place to bury its garbage and sailed up and down the east coast. This landfill crisis spurred the creation of governmental recycling programs in the late 1980s and early 1990s. The City of Lincoln hired Nebraska's first full-time recycling coordinator in the fall of 1987.

By the end of the 1980s, the CEI group was no longer able to handle the volume of material being recycled. The City took over the nine existing collection sites in 1990.

Over the next 15 years, the network of voluntary recycling sites in the City and County has grown to 23. In the 2004-2005 fiscal year, a total of 6,550 tons of recyclables were collected. In addition, five local firms provide curbside recycling services, and four centers offer cash for aluminum cans or other scrap metal. Midland Recycling has one of the largest state-of-the-art material recovery facilities in the State.

GET HIP TO HAZARDS

Practicing the three R's is radical, righteous and right on!

Reduce, reuse, recycle. Do you practice the three R's of recycling? The skinny is that more people are recycling. The amount of material recycled at the City's recycling drop-off sites is up by 8.4 percent over the last three years, and local thrift stores have seen an increase in donations. Way to go!

Now the bad news. Americans still get psyched up by "stuff" - the U.S. lifestyle accounts for 40 percent of the global consumption of resources! People around the world want a similar lifestyle, but there are simply not enough resources in the world to provide six billion people with the goods and services we enjoy here.

More bad news. Recycling has not kept pace with all that consumption. The majority of consumers are still clueless about recycling, and the sad fact is that we are becoming more wasteful! The average Lincoln resident threw away 2,314 pounds of trash in 2000. In 2004, that number was up to 2,353 pounds - a 1.7 percent increase. In 1960, the average American produced about 2.5 pounds of trash per day. Today, the average American produces about 4.5 pounds of waste per day. Heavy!

Maybe it's time to add another "R" - RETHINK! Is there a way to maintain your lifestyle but use fewer resources? You bet!

That 70s slogan, "Think Globally...Act Locally!" continues to be good advice. Worldwide supplies of our limited resources are being strained by economic growth in developing nations and by natural disasters like tsunamis and hurricanes. We must rethink our bad habits and become better resource managers.

Reduce, reuse, recycling and rethink. Can you dig it?

Your pad may be primo, but it also may contain hazards that could harm members of your family. For some real flower power, eliminate the use of hazardous cleaners and products.

WHAT IS A HAZARD?

- ✿ Flammable or combustible materials that can easily ignite.
- ✿ Explosive or reactive products that can detonate or explode through exposure to heat, sudden shock or pressure.
- ✿ Corrosive material that can cause a chemical reaction that can burn or destroy living tissue or other materials.
- ✿ Toxic materials that can cause injury or death through ingestion, inhalation or skin absorption.

Pollution has never been groovy. Get the problem outta sight by buying fewer hazardous materials. Hazardous products are required by law to include warnings on their labels so check them out. If the label says that the product can be cleaned up with soap and water (*like latex paint*), it is probably not toxic or hazardous. Don't cop out on Mother Earth - buy the product that has the safest or lowest level of hazard

Watch for these signal words:

CAUTION: slightly toxic.

WARNING: moderately toxic.

DANGER: highly toxic, corrosive or extremely flammable.

POISON: highly toxic.

REMEMBER:

Products labeled "organic" or "natural" may still contain hazardous materials.

Keep children and pets away from all hazardous material.

Many lawn products warn users to keep children and pets off the lawn immediately after application.

If you don't need it, don't buy it.

Buy only the amount you need for the task.

More is not better. Follow label directions.

Store products in original containers.

Recycle used oil and batteries.

Take advantage of household hazardous waste collections.

Question: How long til it's all gone? Answer: Longer than you think!

There's no such thing as old news in a landfill. Newspapers that have been buried in landfills can still be read 20 years later. In fact, less than half of easily decomposed materials such as lawn, garden and food waste is decomposed after 20 years.

This graphic shows the number of years it takes items to decompose when exposed in open air and sunlight. It would likely take longer if it were buried in the landfill because modern landfills such as Lincoln's Bluff Road Landfill are designed to protect the environment. The very low oxygen levels and low moisture levels in these landfills stop or greatly slow decomposition. An anthropologist who has studied landfills says garbage is essentially "mummified" in this kind of stable environment.



Source: Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, "Lesson: Look at a Landfill".

REUSE-IT!

BUILDING MATERIALS

Connor's Architectural Antiques
701 "P" St. 435-3338

EcoStores Nebraska
**see article on this page*
530 West "P" St. 477-3606
Call for appointment.

Scherer's Architectural Antiques
9141 S. 63rd St. 423-1582

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

Refurbishing Computer Renaissance
330 N. 48th St., Ste. B. 465-4040
www.crlincoln.com
Call for information and a schedule of possible fees.

Reusing Catholic Schools
525-6660 ext. 420
Computer requirements: P4, 128 MB.
Will accept laser printers.

Crayons to Computers Lincoln Public Schools
c/o Ventures in Partnership 436-1012
Computer requirements: P4, 512 MB.

Lincoln Action Program
210 "O" St. 471-4515
www.lincolnaction.org
Accepts all computers, Pentium or newer.

SDMS, Inc.
6005 Aylesworth Ave. 464-4357
www.sdmsinc.com
Call for more information.

TechConnectors
www.techconnectors.net
Online auction for reuse of computers and assistive technology.

CELL PHONES

**requires working phone with charger*
Friendship Home
434-6599
Call for more information.

Rape, Spouse Abuse Crisis Center
2545 N. St. 476-2110

EYE GLASSES

Star City Lions
441-0414
Contact local Lions Club for additional information, or drop them off at most optometrist offices.

POLYSTYRENE PACKING PEANUTS

Gram's Inc.
6241 Fulton Ave. 464-2661
Some pickup is available

Hobby Town USA
6301 S. 58th St.
434-5053
Pick up is available.

The Holiday House
434-7520
Some pick up is available.

The Packing Store
200 S. Coddington Ave. 474-3922
Clean peanuts only.

UPS Stores
5141 & "O" St. 484-6503
40th & Old Cheney Rd. 432-2273
510 N. 27th St. 475-3131
Clean peanuts only.

TIRES

Don's Used Tires
3260 N. 20th St. 477-4332

Pitman's Tires
3320 Cornhusker Hwy. 467-1082
Call for more information.

Ron's Automotive
2335 N. 49 St. 466-2555
Call for more information.

RECORDS/CDs

CD Warehouse
5001 "O" St. 486-0047

Spindle
122 N. 14th St. 435-8350
Also accepts musical and stereo equipment.

Yellowed Pages Used Books
2719 N. 48th St. 465-8922
Call for more information.

BOOKS

A Novel Idea Bookstore
118 N. 14th St. 475-8663

Bluestem Books
712 "O" St. 435-7120

Goodwill
5500 S. 56th 421-2669
4555 Vine St. 466-3223
1700 S. 17th 438-1109
3910 N. 27th 465-4663
1550 S. Coddington Ave. 476-4426

The Ben Red Book Orphanage
1517 N. Cotner 466-2665

Yellowed Pages Used Books
2719 N. 48th St. 465-8922
Call for more information..

THRIFT/ CONSIGNMENT STORES

Disabled American Veterans Thrift Store
1731 "O" St. 474-1997

Fabulous Finds
2702 N. 49th St. 466-4006

Family Thrift Center
1745 "O" St. 476-2857

Fashion II Consignment Boutique
4230 S. 33rd St. 483-1324

Goodwill
5500 S. 56th 421-2669
4555 Vine St. 466-3223
1700 S. 17th 438-1109
3910 N. 27th 465-4663
1550 S. Coddington Ave. 476-4426

Junior League Thrift Shop
2600 N. 48th St. 421-6099

Lincoln Action Program
210 "O" St. 471-4515
Call for more information.

Mommy & Me
40th & "O" St. 486-4158

Once Upon A Child
233 N. 48th St., Ste. W
Eastview Shopping Ctr. 464-4443
Call for more information.

One More Time Clothing
1725 Van Dorn 423-2066

Outreach Thrift Shop
3901 Touzalin Ave. 464-0222

Play It Again Sports
5001 "O" St. 483-7447
Call for information.

Rialto Extra
1725 "O" St. 476-7680
Vintage clothing only.

Ruby Begonias
1321 "P" St. 438-4438

St. Louise Gift & Thrift Store
2201 "O" St. 474-1600

St. Vincent DePaul
1911 "R" St. 438-3135

The Classic Consignment Boutique
4900 Dudley St. 467-2502

The Consignment Shop
4910 Old Cheney Rd., Unit 1 423-0083

The Salvation Army
2711 S. 48th St., Ste. 108 488-5383
1126 N. 27th St.
4690 Leighton Ave.

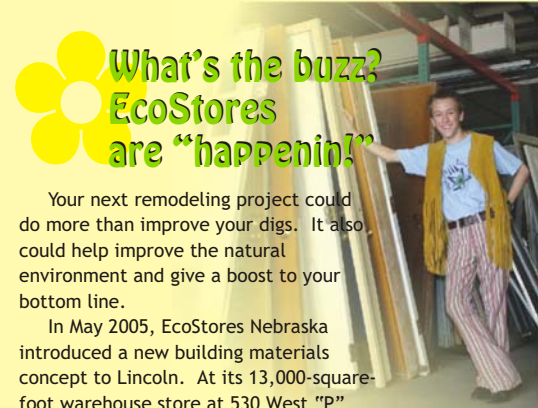
Things & Stuff
2727 N. 33rd St. 464-8464

Thrift Store
1825 "O" St. 434-5390
Will take some furniture. Call for info.

FREecycle

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LincolnNEFreecycle/>

Lost interest in your psychedelic Led Zeppelin t-shirt, your stylin' mood ring or that gnarly poster of the Incredible Hulk? Don't sit on it Freecycle it! The Lincoln Freecycle Network™ is open to anyone who wants to recycle that special something rather than toss it. It's also the perfect place to find that vintage lava lamp to liven up your crib. It's an online garage sale! Even non-profit groups can get in on the action. Only one rule: **EVERYTHING POSTED MUST BE FREE!**



What's the buzz?
EcoStores
are "happenin'!"

Your next remodeling project could do more than improve your digs. It also could help improve the natural environment and give a boost to your bottom line.

In May 2005, EcoStores Nebraska introduced a new building materials concept to Lincoln. At its 13,000-square-foot warehouse store at 530 West "P" street, EcoStores collects and resells quality, salvageable construction materials, equipment and systems. And get this -- most can be purchased a half or less of their retail cost. Unreal? NOT!

"About 135 million tons of construction and demolition waste is annually dumped into our landfills," said W. Cecil Steward, founder and director of the store. "Much of the waste is composed of usable and even high-quality materials, including leftover construction materials that are often virtually unused."

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!
EcoStores, 530 West "P" Street
Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesdays through Fridays
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays
Noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.
(402) 477-3606
ecospheres.com/materials.asp

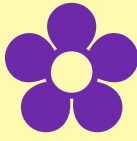
Steward says he hopes to keep some that waste from going to the local landfills by offering individual do-it-yourselfers, contractors and building companies an alternative destination for building materials and supplies.

"If you're remodeling your kitchen, rather than throw out the sink, the countertop or the cupboards, you can bring them to us," Steward said. "We'll take them if they're in usable condition, and chances are we might have something in stock to replace them." Donors will get a receipt for tax deductions.

EcoStores' diverse and rapidly growing inventory includes all shapes, sizes and styles of doors and windows; wood trim, boards, paneling and flooring; office furniture including desks, dividers and file/storage cabinets; kitchen and bathroom fixtures including sinks, tubs and cabinets; electrical fittings and fixtures including ceiling fans; a wide range of commercial shelving; and many other building and construction-related items.

EcoStores also features new, unused overstock items from building retailers as well as materials and fixtures collected by deconstruction teams from the Nebraska Center for Sustainable Construction (NCSC), which operates EcoStores. The NCSC also conducts job training and educational programs for sustainable, green construction methods. NCSC is part of the non-profit Joslyn Castle Institute for Sustainable Communities, which Steward founded.

RECYCLE IT!



APPLIANCES

Alter Scrap
525 "N" St. 476-3306
*Appliances with Freon incur a charge.
No microwaves.*

Appliance Sales & Service
601-1837
Will pick up appliances for a fee.

Hoffman Furniture/Appliance
466-6252
*Call before drop-off. Fee charged for
appliances containing Freon. Will pick up
appliances for a fee.*

Major Appliance
466-1022
*Call before drop-off. Fee charged for
appliances containing Freon.*

ASPHALT SHINGLES

Pavers, LLC
12303 Hwy. 6, Waverly 786-5900
Call for more information.

AUTOMOBILES

*Must have clear title. Call for more
information.*

Capital City Auto Recyclers
140 W. "P" St. 475-2982

Kendle's Auto Salvage
100 W. Sumner 477-9702

Olston's Import Auto Salvage
3450 N. 35th Cr. 467-4541

Singer Auto Parts
2145 Yolande Ave. 477-3707

Star City Auto Salvage
2705 N. 33rd St. 464-7009

AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES

Advanced Auto
222 N. 48th St. 465-5556
3100 Cornhusker Hwy. 465-8188
Automotive batteries only.

Environmental Compliance Enterprises
466-2268
Call for fee information.

Graham Tire
S. 14th & Cushman Dr. 421-1500
1918 "O" St. 476-6521
2121 Cornhusker Hwy. 474-2277
6800 "O" St. 467-2555
Automotive batteries only.

Interstate All Battery Center
4310 N. 27th St. 474-1991
*Accepts small quantities of any type of
battery, except alkaline, at no charge. A
fee will be assessed for large quantities.*

O'Reilly Auto Parts
1101 Arapahoe St. 423-1222
1201 N. 48th St. 466-4663
120 "O" St. 475-1166
1525 Cornhusker Hwy. 475-1188
Automotive batteries only.

T.O. Haas Tire
2400 "O" St. 474-1525
640 W. "O" St. 434-3434
4700 Cornhusker Hwy. 467-3854
2020 S. 13th St. 477-3741
5900 S. 56th St. 420-6900
7201 S. 27th St. 420-7888
2700 Folkways Blvd. 438-0077
1150 N. 48th St. 467-3561
14311 Hwy. 6, Waverly 786-7033

BUTTON BATTERIES

Fred Wilson Jewelers
1309 "O" St. 475-2474

Sartor Hamann
1150 "O" St. 476-8561
129 Westfield Mall 467-2509

Target
333 N. 48th St. 464-8292
*Drop box located at the customer service
desk (north Target store only).*

The Gold Smith
3227 S. 13th St. 421-2253

The Goldworks
4240 S. 33rd St. 488-8217

The Time Shoppe
6450 "O" St., Ste. 6 467-1884

Wright's Jewelers
144 N. 13th St. 474-0774

CELLULAR PHONES & BATTERIES

*Many cellular service providers offer
recycling options. Please check with
your local provider*

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

Computer Renaissance
330 N. 48th St., Ste. B 465-4040
*Call for information and a schedule of
possible fees.*

**Environmental Compliance
Enterprises**
466-2268
Call for fee information.

CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION MATERIALS

Cather Construction
6400 N. 70th St. 464-2113
Clean asphalt and concrete only.

Dobson Brothers Construction
7848 Fletcher Ave. 467-3634
Large quantities of concrete only.

Pavers, LLC
12303 Hwy. 6, Waverly
786-5900
Call for more information.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

General Fire & Safety Equipment
2431 Fairfield 476-4646

Jacobsen Fire & Equipment Company
140 W. Cornhusker Hwy. 474-4203

FLUORESCENT LIGHT TUBES

Environmental Compliance Enterprises
466-2268
Call for fee information.

OIL

North 48th Street Transfer Station
5101 N. 48th St. 441-8104
*Vehicles with other waste will be
assessed a fee.*

Advanced Auto Parts
222 N. 48th St. 465-5556
3100 Cornhusker Hwy. 465-8188

Agee's Automotive Repair
1323 "M" St. 475-2252
Small quantities only.

Countryside Cooperative
3050 Main St., Firth 791-5837
Can accept large quantities.

GM Auto Parts
5440 N. 70th St. 467-3531
Accepts limited quantities per person.

Graham Tire
S. 14th & Cushman Dr. 421-1500
1918 "O" St. 476-6521
2121 Cornhusker Hwy. 474-2277
6800 "O" St. 467-2555

O'Reilly Auto Parts
1101 Arapahoe St. 423-1222
1201 N. 48th St. 466-4663
120 "O" St. 475-1166
1525 Cornhusker Hwy. 475-1188

Otte Oil & Propane
3435 Davey Rd., Davey 785-2365

Site Response Services
4721 Douglas Cr. 464-3100

Texaco Xpress Lube
4800 Old Cheney 421-9294
5111 "O" St. 489-6354
27th & Fairfield 435-6600

T.O. Haas Tire
2400 "O" St. 474-1525
640 W. "O" St. 434-3434
4700 Cornhusker Hwy. 467-3854
2020 S. 13th St. 477-3741
5900 S. 56th St. 420-6900
7201 S. 27th St. 420-7888
2700 Folkways Blvd. 438-0077
1150 N. 48th St. 467-3561
14311 Hwy. 6, Waverly 786-7033

Valvoline Instant Oil Change
3500 Village Dr. 421-8089

PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS

Russ's Markets
1150 Coddington 477-6293
17th & Washington 477-1238
27th & Hwy 2 423-9602
66th & "O" St. 466-8111
63rd & Havelock 464-5804
70th & Van Dorn 483-0044
33rd & Hwy. 2 423-9602

Super Saver
2662 Cornhusker Hwy. 466-7100
48th & "O" St. 464-8552
5460 S. 56th St. 423-7181
2525 Pine Lake Rd. 420-2000

Wal-Mart
4700 N. 27th St. 438-4377
8700 Andermatt Dr. 484-6166

PROPANE TANKS & GAS CYLINDERS

Ferrell Gas
3200 Superior St. 477-5151
Will accept propane tanks for a fee.

Lee's Propane Service Inc.
625 W. "O" St. 474-3235
Will only accept propane tanks for a fee.

TELEVISIONS

Environmental Compliance Enterprises
466-2268
Call for fee information.

TIRES

North 48th Street Transfer Station
5101 N. 48th St. 441-8104
A fee per tire, plus vehicle fee is assessed.

Graham Tire
S. 14th & Cushman Dr. 421-1500
1918 "O" St. 476-6521
2121 Cornhusker Hwy. 474-2277
6800 "O" St. 467-2555
A fee per tire is charged.

T.O. Haas Tire
2400 "O" St. 474-1525
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1150 N. 48th St. 467-3561
14311 Hwy. 6, Waverly 786-7033

TONER CARTRIDGES

Cartridge World
464-3455
Call for program details.

Full Circle Image
800-584-7244
www.fullcircleimage.com
Call for program details.

Latsch's
323-7222

Media Recovery
484-8200
Call for more information.

Messiah Lutheran Church and School
1800 S. 84th St. 489-3024

Optimist Club
483-1515
Pick-up service.

LOCATIONS FOR MULTI-MATERIALS

NORTH

- 1 N.W. Roundhouse Dr. & W. "P" streets
- 2 UNL Food Stores Warehouse, 1200 N. 17th Street
- 3 University Place, 47th & St. Paul streets
- 4 Gates of Praise Church, 70th & Vine streets
- 5 Highlands Recycling Center, 5435 N.W. 1st Street
- 6 Russ's Market, 63rd & Platte Avenue
- 7 Centro Plaza, 48th & "R" streets
- 8 Southeast Community College, 88th & "O" streets
- 9 48th Street Transfer Station, 5101 N. 48th Street *limited hours of operation*
- 10 Air Park Recreation Center, 3710 N.W. 46th Street

SOUTH

- 11 Leon's Food Mart, 32nd & South streets
- 12 Union College athletic field parking lot, 53rd & Calvert
- 13 East High School Seacrest Field parking lot, 70th & "A" streets
- 14 Hamilton College parking lot, 19th & "L" streets
- 15 Traber Hall, 12th & South streets
- 16 Pepsi Cola Distribution Facility 1901 Windhoek Drive
- 17 Russ's Market, 1550 S. Coddington *limited hours of operation*
- 18 Russ's Market, 33rd & Highway 2

NEWSPAPER ONLY DROP-OFF SITES

NORTH

- 19 UNL East Campus parking lot behind Fire Station No. 2, 33rd & Holdrege streets

SOUTH

- 20 Blessed John XIII Center, 3700 Sheridan Boulevard
- 21 Willard Community Center, Folsom & West "B" streets
- 22 All Saints Lutheran Church, 8251 Pioneers Boulevard
- 23 Indian Village, 13th & High streets

DROP-OFF SITE LOCATIONS



MAP KEY

- Aluminum cans
Cardboard and mixed paper
Glass containers
Newspaper
#1 and #2 plastic containers
Tin cans
- Newspaper only

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITIES

Bennet Refuse Transfer Station
Davey Refuse Transfer Station
Firth Community Center (open 1/2006)
Hickman City Park
Panama Refuse Transfer Station
Waverly Plaza



MATERIALS ACCEPTED AT THE MULTI-MATERIAL RECYCLING SITES

Newspapers

Cardboard Boxes

Cans

Glass Bottles and Jars

Plastic #1 and #2 Containers

Residential Mixed Papers

YES

Inserts/ads are OK
Put newspapers in paper bag.

Flatten cardboard and paperboard (i.e. cereal boxes). All boxes must be flattened and placed inside recycling containers.

All food and beverage cans. Rinse, clean and flatten aluminum and tin cans and place in separate recycling compartments.

All food and beverage glass. Green, brown and clear glass. Labels are OK. Rinse clean, take off lids, separate by color and place in separate recycling compartments.

All #1 and #2 plastic bottles and containers. Labels are OK. Rinse clean. Take off lids. Flattening containers helps save space.

Mail, magazines, office and school paper and telephone directories. Put clean paper together in paper bag.

NO

No other paper.

No packing material.
No dirty boxes.
No waxed cardboard.

No aluminum foil.
No pie pans.
No metal cookware.
No metal parts.

No drinking glasses.
No window glass.
No light bulbs.
No lids.

No motor oil containers. No polystyrene packaging.
No plastic toys. No other plastic bottles or containers.
No plastic lawn chemical bottles.
No plastic syringes.

No tissue paper.
No milk cartons or juice boxes.
No paper plates.
No newspaper.

WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND

You've "done the right thing" and taken your recyclables to the drop-off site. What happens then? In Lincoln, the material is transported to Nebraska's second largest material recovery facility, Midland Recycling at 440 "J" Street. The recyclables are sorted, baled and sent to recycling mills and manufacturers throughout the world.

NEWSPAPERS

More newspaper is dropped off at recycling sites than any other material. Some of it goes through a process in which it is mixed with virgin paper fiber to produce new newsprint. The *Lincoln Journal Star* uses newsprint that contains at least 35 percent recycled content fiber. Greenfiber of Norfolk, Nebraska produces cellulose insulation that is sold at local lumberyards. Newspapers also are made into paperboard packaging such as cereal boxes, drywall backing and asphalt roofing shingles.

ALUMINUM

Aluminum cans are melted and made into sheeting for new aluminum cans.

GLASS

Glass is separated by color, crushed into cullet and then shipped to firms that melt the cullet to make new glass containers. From Lincoln, brown glass goes to Golden, Colorado, and clear glass goes to Oklahoma. Glass cullet also can be used to produce fiberglass insulation and as aggregate in asphalt mixes.

PLASTIC

Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) is the resin used to produce #1 plastic containers, such as those used for soft drinks, juices, salad dressing and peanut butter. PET is a polyester resin, so it can be converted to fiber. It is used primarily to produce carpet, clothing and other fibers. The #2 plastic containers used for milk, detergent and margarine tubs are made from high density polyethylene (HDPE) resin. Recycled HDPE is used to make a variety of products including plastic packaging, film, drainage pipe, pallets, lumber and car parts.

STEEL/TIN

Steel mills, such as Nucor Steel in Norfolk, are the main market for steel (tin) cans. Steel cans are made into tinplate, appliances, car bodies and steel framing.

CARDBOARD

Cardboard boxes are generally made back into cardboard boxes. A large amount of cardboard is shipped overseas to recycling mills in Pacific Rim countries.

MIXED PAPER

Some of Lincoln's mixed paper goes to TMAKO in Phillipsburg, Kansas to produce asphalt shingles. Mixed paper also is made into fiberboard for packaging and cellulose insulation.

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?

It may be the Age of Aquarius but whether you're a Pisces or a Gemini, your sign should be the chasing arrows of the recycling logo.

Since its creation 35 years ago (see related article on this page), the recycling logo has become one of the most recognized symbols in the world, but few understand the low-down on the meaning of the arrows:

- ✳ The top arrow represents the separation and collection of recyclables.
- ✳ The next arrow represents the production of new products from the recycled materials.
- ✳ The last arrow represents consumers buying products made with recycled content.

Those products can be recycled again and the loop goes on.

If you see the recycling symbol on a package with either the background or the arrows shaded, it means the product or its packaging contains recycled content materials. Sometimes the percentage of recycled content is listed.

Try to purchase products with the highest percentage of recycled content, especially if they include post-consumer recycled content.

If a product or packaging has a recycling symbol with no shading, it means the product packaging can be recycled after it is used. Some products will feature both symbols, meaning they are made from recycled materials and can be recycled.

To protect our environment and our health, it is important to consider how a product is made and its content. In addition to looking for recycled content products, it is also important to look at other environmental aspects of the product, such as energy consumption, toxicity, air and water pollution impact as well as how much waste it will generate.

RECYCLING LOGO STARTED OUT A WINNER

IT'S A SMALL WORLD!

The famous recycling logo has a Nebraska connection: Gary Anderson's father, Glen, grew up in Oakland, and his mother, Florence (Young), grew up in Craig.

The recycling logo was created in 1970 by Gary Anderson, a University of Southern California student. The Container Corporation of America (now part of Stone-Isurfit Corp.) sponsored a national contest among art and design students to create a symbol representing paper and paperboard recycling.



Gary Anderson 2005



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Get real!



You're not truly recycling until you buy products that contain recycled content! My groovy Patagonia fleece threads and my Frisbee were made from recycling pop bottles. And once I recycle this can, it will take only 60 days to return to the grocery store as a new can of soda. Far out!




Patagonia products from Moose's Tooth.

According to an article in *Resource Recycling*, Anderson used his prize - a tuition grant of \$2,500 - to continue his education in Sweden. He graduated from USC in 1971 with a master's degree in urban design and received his Ph.D. in geography and environmental engineering in 1985 from Johns Hopkins University. Now 58 years old, Anderson lives in Baltimore. As Regional Manager of TEC Planning (a division of TEC Inc.), Anderson does community planning for large federal complexes and installations.

Anderson remains committed to the environment. He previously served on the board of 1,000 Friends of Maryland, a controlled-growth activist group. He's interested now in "recycling" buildings and communities. "My new focus is on sustainable planning and design," Anderson said. "Reusing land that's already been developed is a lot better than developing new land."

Got a good gig? RECYCLE AT WORK!

More than half of the solid waste that goes into the Bluff Road Landfill comes from the places we work. Many businesses and institutions recycle cardboard and office paper. But for Lincoln to really be successful in recycling, more workplaces need to get stoked on the three R's - reduce, reuse and recycle. I hear that! Here are some resources:

-  WasteCap of Nebraska conducts free waste assessments for businesses to identify ways to send less waste to the landfill. It has developed agreements with recyclers for recycling office paper, cardboard, computers and florescent light bulbs. It also has developed a program to buy recycled content office supplies and a "Guidebook for Environmental Service Providers in Southeast Nebraska." For more information, call 436-2383 or visit www.wastecapne.org.
-  The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department works with businesses to reduce disposal costs through the reduction of toxic substances, research and interpretation of regulatory requirements and a review of processes. These services often result in pollution prevention and a cost savings. For more information, call 441-8021 or visit lincoln.ne.gov.
-  The Nebraska Materials Exchange Program, sponsored by Keep Nebraska Beautiful, works with waste material that is still useable. The program maintains a list of surplus material and brokers it to other businesses and institutions. For more information, call 486-4622 or visit www.knb.org.

PRIVATE CURBSIDE RECYCLING

The following recyclers provide the convenience of curbside recycling:

Recycling Enterprises 421-6655
Midwest Refuse 475-0244
Star City Recycling 890-4320

The following refuse haulers provide curbside recycling in their customer area:

Schaaf Refuse Service 423-5705
Weber and Sons 423-828

*FAR OUT FUEL FACTS

Tired of shelling out more bread to fill up your tank? Bummer! Energy prices in general are headed up, up and away. Well, get this - recycling can help. Say what? That's right! The amount of energy lost by throwing away recyclable items such as aluminum and newspaper is equal to the annual output of 15 power plants!

Here's the scoop:

- * Recycling aluminum cans saves 95 percent of the energy required to make the same amount of aluminum from its virgin source. One ton of aluminum recycled saves the energy equivalent of 40 barrels of oil.
- * Recycling one ton of plastic saves the energy equivalent of 16.3 barrels of oil.
- * Recycling one ton of office paper saves the energy equivalent of nine barrels of oil.
- * Recycling one ton of steel saves the energy equivalent of 1.8 barrels of oil.
- * Recycling one ton of newsprint saves the energy equivalent of 1.7 barrels of oil.
- * Recycling one ton of glass saves the energy equivalent of 0.12 barrels of oil.

KEEP ON TRUCKIN' With LinGro and Wood Chips!

That yard waste that you sent to the City compost facility is coming backatcha with LinGro, an organic compost produced by the City Public Works and Utilities Department primarily from grass clippings, leaves and wood chips. LinGro improves soil structure by increasing the water-holding capacity of the soil; adding beneficial soil micro organisms; increasing soil porosity; and decreasing the bulk density of the soil. It also improves soil fertility and water infiltration and reduces soil erosion and stormwater runoff.

You also can take your landscaping projects to the max with wood chips, which help to reduce weeds and retain moisture in the soil.

So stop veggin' out! Put on some tunes, get some LinGro and wood chips and hang out in your yard for a while! Find out how to get LinGro and wood chips by checking out the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: compost) or call the Recycling Hotline at 441-8215.

RECYCLING BUY BACK CENTERS

A-Can Recycling
3255 South 10th Street
421-9101

A & J Recycling
3520 North 20th Street, Unit 8
438-3684

Alter Scrap Processing
525 "N" Street
476-3306

Mid-City Recycling
49th and Vine Street
464-5880



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